Remarks

In an Office Action dated 7 November 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,125,282, issued to T. Urabe and claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Urabe in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,568,153 issued to Beliveau. The Examiner noted that claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13 are objected to as based upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6, 11 by incorporating the limitations of dependent claims 2-3, 6-7, 12, respectively. Applicant has also amended dependent claims 4, 9, 13 to provide the proper reference to the newly amended independent claims on which these claims depend.

In summary, Applicant believes that claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 13 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in a timely manner. If the Examiner believes that any further issues need to be addressed, the undersigned is available at the convenience of the Examiner for a telephone interview to address these issues.

It is believed that no fees are due at this time; however, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any additionally required fees to deposit account #50-1602.

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 (Amended) A system, operable in a subscriber communication device, for providing location independent uniform service access for communication subscribers, comprising:

means for storing data indicative of at least one location specific presence of each of a plurality of subscriber communication services;

means for automatically determining a location of said subscriber communication device; [and]

means, responsive to said determined location and a subscriber selecting a one of said subscriber communication services, for retrieving data from said means for storing indicative of a one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said determined location;

means for activating said subscriber communication device using said retrieved data to establish communication with said one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said determined location;

means, responsive to movement of said subscriber communication device, for activating said means for retrieving to obtain data from said means for storing indicative of a one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said newly determined location; and

means for comparing said one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said newly determined location with the one of said location specific presences presently in communication with said subscriber communication device.

Cancel Claims 2 and 3.

4. (Amended) The system for providing location independent uniform service access for communication subscribers of claim [3] 1 further comprising:

means, responsive to said location specific presence for said newly determined

location differing from said location specific presence presently in communication with said subscriber communication device, for transferring said communication with said subscriber communication device from said location specific presence presently in communication with said subscriber communication device to said location specific presence for said newly determined location.

6. (Amended) A method of operating a system, operable in a subscriber communication device, for providing location independent uniform service access for communication subscribers, comprising the steps of:

storing data in a memory indicative of at least one location specific presence of each of a plurality of subscriber communication services;

automatically determining a location of said subscriber communication device; and

retrieving, in response to said determined location and a subscriber selecting a one of said subscriber communication services, data from said memory indicative of a one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said determined location;

activating said subscriber communication device using said retrieved data to establish communication with said one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said determined location:

activating, in response to movement of said subscriber communication device, said step of retrieving to obtain data from said memory indicative of a one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said newly determined location; and

comparing said one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said newly determined location with the one of said location specific presences presently in communication with said subscriber communication device.

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9. (Amended) The method of operating a system for providing location independent uniform service access for communication subscribers of claim [8] 6 further comprising ation of: Wu

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transferring, in response to said location specific presence for said newly determined location differing from said location specific presence presently in communication with said subscriber communication device, said communication with said subscriber communication specific presence presently in communication with said subscriber communication specific presence presently in communication with said subscriber communication device to said location specific presence for-said newly determined-location.

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11. (Amended) A system, operable in a subscriber communication device, for providing location independent uniform service access for communication subscribers, comprising:

Box: Non-Fee Amendment a memory for storing address data information usable for accessing at least one Assistant Commissioner for Patents location specific presence of each of a plurality of subscriber communication services;

global positioning means for automatically determining a present location of said subscriber communication device;

memory access means, responsive to said determined location and a subscriber selecting a one of said subscriber communication services, for retrieving data from said means for storing indicative of a one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said determined location; [and]

call rerouting means for activating said subscriber communication device using said retrieved data to establish communication with said one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said determined location:

means, responsive to movement of said subscriber communication device, for activating said means for retrieving to obtain address data from said memory indicative of a one of said location specific presences corresponding to said selected subscriber communication service operational in said newly determined location; and

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